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Garman et. al.)	Group Art Unit: 2883
Serial No.	10/707,188)	Examiner: WONG, Eric K.
Confirmatio	n No. 1187)	
Filed:	Nov. 25, 2003)	
For: Flexible Optical Fiber Ribbon)	Docket: 11378 (formerly OKSI 008)
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner:

This reply is responsive to the office action dated July 5, 2006.

The office action imposes a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 between the following groups:

I. claims 1-6, 11, and 12 drawn to a method of making an optical fiber ribbon cable classified in class 427, subclass 163.2.

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II. claims 7-10, and 13 drawn to a optical fiber ribbon cable, classified in class 385, subclass 114;

Examiner reasons that the subject matter of the two groups is independent and distinct with separate status in the art and that the patentability search of the subject matter of those sets of claims is not coextensive. Examiner reasons that the ribbon can be made using "various methods in the art such as mechanical cutting or etching." The product is made using mechanical cutting. The applicability of etching is not apparent and unexplained. Applicant respectively traverses the election requirement.

Notwithstanding applicant's traverse, Applicant is required to elect one of the foregoing groups of claims for further examination on the merits.

ELECTION

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Applicant elects the claims to Group II (claims 7-10 and 13), the optical ribbon cable, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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